

TIDBURY GREEN PARISH ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on

Wednesday 15 January 2014 at 8pm, Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present: B Wood (Hon Secretary) Leighton Wardell (Hon Treasurer) Peter Townsend, Derek Reade, Roy Lippett, Joy Dennison (committee members). Lyn Reade, Sally McCabe, Tony McCabe, David Millichamp, Mick Enright, M Simpson, Jim Vaughan, Shirley Vaughan, Caroline Inwood, Tony Inwood, Mike Dennison, Jean Wardell, Ann Millichamp, John Corbett, G Suter, R Atkinson, Karen Norton, Steve Norton, Jerry Mitchell, P Fellows, Dave Matson, Marilyn Howard.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from John Marshall, Brian Lintern, Rob Hawkes, Bill Strange. No-one was able to attend from the Parish Council due to a pre-arranged meeting.

2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

The minutes of the last AGM had been circulated and accepted.

Proposer: D Millichamp Seconded: R. Lippett

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary informed the meeting that the Chairman had resigned following the Annual Show and that the Committee had decided to delay the election of a replacement until the AGM.

Most people have had quite a successful year and generally the plots have been well maintained.

Rob Hawkes had pruned the hedging on the site and had offered to continue to do so this year without any reward. On behalf of the Allotment Association we will thank him.

Last Committee meeting there were reports of bags of grass cuttings found outside the allotment gate. Allotment holders were asked to keep a look out in the hope that we may find out who it is and stop the practice.

The notice board is on its last legs. A new notice board is being made and should be ready imminently. It will be slightly larger than the previous one and has been made of solid oak with weatherproof hinges. It has been recommended that two supports be used for the notice board. D. Millichamp has spoken with Steve Williams, ex Manager, Earlswood Lakes Craft Centre, who would be prepared to erect the board.

Notice has been received from Vernon, of Plot 16B, that he does not wish to continue with his plot. This plot is in very good order so if any existing members would like to take it over let the Secretary know. If not, it will be assigned to the next person on the waiting list.

The Quiz Night proved to be very successful and well attended and it is intended to hold another one this year on Wednesday 16 April at Cheswick Green Village Hall at 8pm, with the usual fish and chip supper. Family and friends are welcome. Ideally need to limit attendance to a maximum of 45 to avoid a crush.

Last summer Joy and Mick Dennison organised another successful trip to Chatsworth which was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Annual Flower & Vegetable Show was held on the August Bank holiday Saturday, 24th, and was very successful both on entries and produce. It was well attended, not only by Association members, but also members of the public. This was possibly due to local publicity which L. Wardell arranged, and to coverage by the Solihull Observer who also sent a photographer along. Subsequently, photographs appeared in the Solihull Observer of a selection of winners.

There are presently seven people on the waiting list for a plot and a couple more who were not able to take up the offer of a plot previously.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer proposed a formal note of thanks to John Marshall in his role as Chairman.

Proposer: L. Wardell Seconded: B Wood. Approved unanimously.

The Treasurer stated that John Marshall's name would be added to those on the Tree of Appreciation.

The Secretary stated that the Chairman had worked extremely hard, particularly behind the scenes and greatly assisted in keeping the allotment site very tidy.

The Treasurer reported that overall the Association is worth £1535 as opposed to £1194 last year. There have been no extraordinary expenses and the water bill of £287 was considerably less than the previous year. Sprinklers will continue to be banned. Very few repairs have been necessary, just one to the lawnmower.

As agreed at the last AGM, monies have been transferred from the building society to the Bank.

J. Corbett commented that he did not think the Quiz Night made much money. The Treasurer informed the meeting that it was now held as more of a social event than to raise money.

The accounts were proposed by T. Inwood. Seconded: R. Atkinson

6. SITE SAFETY

The Secretary said that while there have been no major accidents, he wished to remind everyone of the potential for site accidents. A note was circulated last year with safety tips and he would circulate this again with the Minutes.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Other than the Chairman, all existing officers were willing to continue. The Hon Secretary asked the members if anyone else wished to join the Committee. The only nomination was D Millichamp for the position of Chairman.

Proposer: L Wardell Seconded: J Dennison. Approved unanimously.

All remaining existing Officers and Committee members were re-elected.

Proposer: R. Atkinson Seconded: J. Corbett . Approved unanimously.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

J Dennison suggested that members check their shed roofs for possible damage after the recent strong winds/rain.

L. Wardell informed members that the allotment gate is still being left open and requested that members be mindful of the need to close and secure the gate upon departure from the site. D. Millichamp commented that it had been a while since the code had been changed and suggested it was. It was agreed and the Secretary will include the new code with the circulated Minutes.

J. Dennison asked if the date had been set for the Annual Flower & Vegetable Show. The Secretary responded that it would again take place on the Saturday of the August Bank Holiday. J. Dennison suggested that an entry for children was included this year and publicised around the local area.

The Hon Secretary thanked everyone for attending the AGM and expressed thanks to J. Wardell and A Millichamp for their help and assistance.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.